

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 14, 18 to 22 are pending.

The Examiner's allowance of claims 1 to 9 and 22 is acknowledged with thanks. Similarly, the Examiner's allowance of claims 17 to 21 if written in independent form is acknowledged with thanks.

Limitations of claim 17 have been incorporated into independent claim 14. Claims 15 and 16 have been cancelled. Claim 18 has been amended to depend on claim 14. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 14 and 18 to 21, as amended are in condition for allowance.

Claims 10 to 13 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as clearly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,239,357 to Jaffe (hereinafter "Jaffe").

Former claim 10 has been amended to specify two possible modes of processing. As detailed, for example, in paragraphs [0008] and paragraphs [0048] and onward, the claimed method allows processing of an analog television signal in two modes: a (first) acquisition mode and a (second) tracking mode. As disclosed, the order of recovery of residual frequency offset and audio/video filtering is reversed as between the first and second modes of operation. This reversal may improve the output audio signals, as steady-state phase error introduced by recovery of residual frequency error is absent from the output audio signal in the second mode of operation. Such method of processing an analog television signal in first and second modes of operation as claimed is simply not disclosed or suggested by Jaffe. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 10 is therefore requested.

Consequential amendments have been made to claims 11 to 13. In view of the foregoing, favourable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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No new matter has been added by this amendment.

In view of the above, favorable consideration and allowance of this application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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